(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Standard time for different regions

1007. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in many countries there is a different standard time for each region of the same country;

(b) if so, whether any need has been felt to set a different standard time for different regions in our country considering the geographical and climatic conditions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Large countries like USA having very large east-west extent have different standard times for different regions.

(b) No Sir. Considering the fact that India is located between 68°7" E to 97° 25' E and 8° 4' N 37° 6' N, the Indian Standard time (IST) has been chosen with reference to a central station located at 82° 30' longitude east and 23° 11' latitude North. Since the expanse of the Indian State is not large, no need has been felt for different time zones. Climatic conditions do not determine standard time variations.

(c) and (d) In view of (b), do not arise.

Proposal of Department of Biotechnology on DNA profile

1008. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposals sent by the Department of Biotechnology on the DNA profiles;

(b) if so, whether the experts on the DNA Profile Advisory Body has been entrusted with the job of formulating guidelines on DNA profiling; and

(c) the details of representatives on the DNA Profile Advisory Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir, the Government of India has approved the proposal sent by the Department of Biotechnology and constituted the DNA Profiling Advisory Committee.

(b) The DNA Profiling Advisory Committee has been entrusted with the job of formulating guidelines on DNA Profiling and had its first meeting on 1st April, 2004.

(c) The details of the representatives on the DNA Profiling Advisory Committee are as follows:

1. A renowned molecular biologist to be nominated by Department of Biotechnology.
2. Expert nominee of Secretary, Ministry of Law, Government of India.
3. Nominee of Chairman, Bar Council of India, New Delhi.
4. Director, National Law University of India, Hyderabad.
5. Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal
6. Expert nominee of Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.
7. Chief Forensic Scientist BPR&D, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi or his nominee.
8. Director, National Crime Records Bureau, New Delhi.
9. Director, National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Sciences, New Delhi.
10. Director, Central Forensic and Scientific Laboratory, Kolkata.
11. Representative Scientist, Indian Academy of Forensic Science, Kolkata.
12. Prof. T.D. Dogra, Head, Department of Forensic Medicine, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
13. Prof. K.C. Malhotra, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.
14. Prof. Sharat Chandra, Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore.

15. Director, National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories, New Delhi.
16. Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad.
17. Representative of Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.
18. Chairman of National Human Rights Commission or his Nominee.
19. A representative of the Bioethics group.
20. Prof. P.N. Tandon, Emeritus Scientist, AIIMS, Chairman, National Bioethics Committee, DBT.
21. Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad.

Funds for Science and Technology

1009. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tenth Five Year Plan has a provision to provide additional funds for the development of Science and Technology in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) The Government has placed an outlay of Rs. 25,243.00 crores in the Tenth Five Year Plan for the Central Scientific Departments namely Department of Atonomic Energy, Department of Ocean Development, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Biotechnology, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and Department of Space, as against an outlay of Rs. 12,022.17 crores during the Ninth Five Year Plan. The allocation for the Tenth Five Year Plan is more than double the allotment made during the Ninth Five Year Plan, which indicates Government's commitment to development of science and technology.

Progress of Bio-Tech in country

1010. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps his Ministry have taken or proposed to take to simplify